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TO : Deputy Chief, Special Security Division DATE: 21 October 1953

FROM : Chief, Special Referral Branch

SUBJECT: HIDALGO, Jr., Balmes Nieves
#65077

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, dated 16 October 1953, in which it was requested that appropriate inquiries be made to ascertain the answers to the following questions.

a. Can BALMES be made available for testimony before the Subversive Activities Control Board in the United States.

b. If the answer to question "a" is in the negative, can the FBI interview BALMES wherever he may be outside the United States.

c. Or can questions to be answered by BALMES be submitted to CIA for transmittal to BALMES and the answers given by BALMES be sent back to the FBI, via CIA.

2. On 21 October 1953 Mr. William B. CALDWELL, Chief, WH/FI was interviewed in his office. Mr. CALDWELL advised that the Subject was presently a Contract Employee whose services are being utilized in Panama under the Travel Control Project. He stated that Subject has been overseas for approximately one and a half years and that his contract period will probably expire within six months. He advised that in answer to question "a", Subject can be made available for testimony before the Subversive Activities Control Board in the United States if necessary. He stated that Subject's position was not such that he was indispensable to the Project and that if it was absolutely necessary, he could be recalled to the United States within twenty-four hours. In reference to question "b", Mr. CALDWELL advised that there was no reason why the Subject could not be interviewed by the FBI at his place of duty. In reference to question "c", Mr. CALDWELL reported that this was the most desirable alternative and that he would prefer the questions to be answered by Subject be submitted to CIA for transmittal to Subject and that the answers would be returned to the FBI, via this Agency.

3. On 21 October 1953 Miss Helen POINDEXTER of Staff C reviewed her records and determined that Subject's true name is identical to the captioned Subject and not as shown in your memorandum of 16 October 1953.

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4. In view of the above, no further investigation is contemplated by this office unless advised to the contrary.

Charles W. Kane

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03 I informed Mr [illegible] of the position of Mr [illegible] that subject could be called. I told Mr [illegible] necessary, but that we would [illegible] at his present station [illegible] determined [illegible] in the event subject's presence [illegible] to be necessary, the question of [illegible] travel expenses would have to be settled. [illegible]



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